

HOUSE BILL 3132
By White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code
Annotated, Title 16, relative to court
information and reporting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-3-803(h) is hereby amended by deleting the word "count" in the last sentence and by substituting instead the word "report."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-1-117(a) is amended by deleting in the second sentence the word "statistics" and by substituting instead the word "data".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-1-117(a)(1) is amended by deleting the paragraph in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) Each criminal case shall be assigned a unique docket number. A criminal case in a court of record, except juvenile court, shall be defined and reported as a single charge or set of charges arising out of a single incident involving the same victim concerning a defendant in one (1) court proceeding. An incident shall be all criminal activity occurring within a twenty-four- hour period. A court proceeding refers to a single level of court, i.e., general sessions, circuit, appeals or supreme court. An appeal, probation revocation, or other

post-judgment proceeding is considered a separate case. This definition shall not alter the practice in the Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure dealing with joinder and severance of criminal cases. Charges of a related nature shall be defined as charges against a single defendant that may have more than one (1) victim and that are similar such as, but not limited to: burglaries, drug offenses, or serial rape. Worthless check cases shall be defined and reported as all worthless checks filed by the same affiant against the same defendant within a twenty-four-hour period with each check counted as a separate charge. District attorneys general shall treat multiple incidents as a single incident for purposes of this statute when the charges are of a related nature and it is the district attorney general's intention that all of the charges be handled in the same court proceeding. If a case has more than one charge or count, the administrative office of the courts shall count the case according to the highest class of charge or count at the time of disposition for weighted caseload statistics based on the formula set out in §16-2-513(a).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-1-117(a)(2) is amended by adding in the next to the last sentence after the word "counted" the words "by the administrative office of the courts".

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.